MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan (Serving as Chair), Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Sihong Song, and Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Warren Dixon, and Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray.

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of the University Registrar/Admissions), Dr. Carla Fisher (College of Journalism and Communications), Dr. Tom Kelleher (College of Journalism and Communications), Mr. Aaron King (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), and Mr. Steve Pritz (University Registrar).

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Patty Van Wert, and Ms. Stacy Wallace (Recording).

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Dr. Paul Duncan welcomed everyone to this month’s meeting of the Graduate Council and explained that he would chair this meeting in Dr. Frierson’s absence.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. The minutes from the January 16, 2020, meeting of the Graduate Council were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE:

2. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new graduate certificate in Health Communication (#13318). Dr. Carla Fisher and Dr. Tom Kelleher were present for the discussion. Dr. Henry Baker from the College of Medicine expressed his support of this proposal and the endeavor it seeks to accomplish. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM:

3. Points of Ph.D. graduation and attrition at the University of Florida were presented by Dr. Paul Duncan.
III. INFORMATION ITEMS:

4. Proposal from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the College of Design, Construction, and Planning to close the graduate degree of Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning was presented as an information item to members of the Graduate Council. Dr. Paul Duncan explained that many years ago, the program, which had historically awarded a Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning (M.A.U.R.P.) degree, changed the name of their degree program to Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P.). Now that all students that were previously in the pipeline for the M.A.U.R.P. have graduated, and all students are now set to obtain the M.U.R.P., this is simply an administrative closure of the degree name of M.A.U.R.P. for housekeeping purposes.

5. Graduate Programs: Approved as distance and self-funded.

The existing graduate certificate in Care and Conservation of Aquatic Animals has been approved to be online and self-funded. Aaron King was present for the discussion. No questions were raised by council members.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.